(c) if so, what in-built mechanism has been developed to guard against such mischievous acts of the enemy?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) to (c) As per available reports, there has been a rise in the number of madarsas in the bordering districts of Rajasthan. Though there are no specific inputs confirming the involvement of Pak ISI in the activities of these madarsas, such involvement cannot be totally ruled out.

There are no reports of mazars coming up in these areas with a view to keep a tab on the activities of Indian armed forces. The mazars at villages 27-APS Anupgarh and at Laila Majnoo near village Binjore, referred to in the news-item, were reportedly constructed about 50 years back.

Vigilance is being maintained on the activities of religious institutions along the border. The State Government have also been advised to take action under the provisions of the Religious Institutions (Prevention of Misuse) Act, 1988, wherever such places of worship/religious instruction are found to be indulging in illegal activities.

Re-rolling Mills in Pondicherry

5159. SHRI CP. THIRUNAVUKKARASU: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) how many Re-rolling Mills are functioning in the Union Territory of Pondicherry at present;

(b) how many Re-rolling Mills obtained licence for the last three years;

(c) whether any permission was obtained from the Government of India; and

(d) whether this industry will not cause pollution to a great extent at Pondicherry?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI CHENNAMANENI VIDYA SAGAR RAO): (a) There

are at present six Units enagged in re-rolling not steel operating in Pondicherry.

(b) During the last three years, the Pondicherry Pollution Control Committee granted "no objection" certificate to the setting up of seven such Units subject to fulfilment of certain conditions to ensure that these Units function within the prescribed environment standards. None of these Units have commenced production.

(c) No, Sir. this is not required.

(d) No, Sir. The re-rolling of steel is an activity with low pollution potential.

Demand for making Tamil as official language

5160. SHRI THANGA TAMIL SELVAN: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether demands have been received for making Tamil as one of the official languages of the Union; and

(b) if so, the reaction thereto?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HOME AFFAIRS (SHRI I.D. SWAMI): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Government have not taken any decision in this regard. As per the provisions of the Constitution and in pursuance to the official Languages Act, 1963, Hindi and English are being used as Official Language of the Union, for the present.

Additional Posts for strengthening Internal Security at the Border

†5161. SHRI HARENDRA SINGH MALIK: Will the Minister of HOME AFFAIRS be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Ministry has sent a proposal to the Ministry of Finance for creation of 90 additional posts for the purpose of strengthening of internal security at the border;

†Original notice of the question was received in Hindi.